

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 3, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.,
in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 624, 2/24/2009; HB 630,
2/24/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 624

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:28 Rep. Michael More (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on
HB 624, Revise school laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:59 Sen. Joe Balyeat, SD 34, Bozeman
00:23:05 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:44 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
[EXHIBIT \(tah47a01\)](#)
00:42:00 Claudette Morton, Montana Small School Alliance
00:49:18 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:52:40 Ann Gillkey, Office of Public Instruction Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:51 Rep. Stahl
00:54:14 Mr. Vogel
00:55:12 Rep. Stahl
00:55:46 Mr. Vogel
00:56:25 Rep. Stahl
00:56:47 Mr. Vogel
00:57:38 Rep. Stahl
00:58:47 Mr. Feaver
00:59:05 Rep. Stahl
00:59:30 Mr. Feaver
01:00:36 Chairman Lake
01:00:40 Rep. Barrett
01:01:52 Rep. More
01:02:35 Rep. McAlpin
01:02:55 Mr. Laszloffy

01:03:23 Rep. Miller
01:03:53 Ms. Morton
01:04:36 Rep. Miller
01:04:51 Ms. Morton
01:05:42 Rep. Blasdel
01:06:04 Sen. Balyeat
01:08:14 Rep. Noonan
01:10:15 Rep. More
01:11:51 Rep. Noonan
01:12:28 Rep. More
01:12:49 Rep. Noonan
01:13:32 Rep. More
01:14:02 Rep. Taylor
01:15:11 Ms. Morton
01:16:14 Rep. Grinde
01:16:50 Rep. More
01:17:25 Rep. Grinde
01:17:43 Rep. More
01:18:08 Rep. Grinde
01:18:20 Rep. More

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:57 Rep. More

01:24:55 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

01:25:08 Break
01:37:26 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 630

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:37:41 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on
HB 630, Revise laws relating to improvement district
revolving funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:17 Pat Weber, City of Billings
[EXHIBIT \(tah47a02\)](#)
01:43:24 Brentt Ramharter, City of Missoula
[EXHIBIT \(tah47a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:33 Rep. McAlpin
01:47:40 Mr. Ramharter
01:48:20 Rep. Miller
01:48:34 Mr. Ramharter
01:49:10 Rep. Miller
01:49:15 Mr. Ramharter
01:50:21 Rep. Miller
01:50:31 Mr. Ramharter
01:51:22 Chairman Lake
01:52:18 Mr. Ramharter
01:52:54 Chairman Lake
01:53:02 Mr. Ramharter
01:53:18 Rep. Butcher
01:54:23 Mr. Ramharter
01:54:46 Chairman Lake
01:55:09 Rep. Butcher
01:55:12 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:29 Rep. Sands

01:55:58 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

01:56:31 Rep. Butcher
01:56:36 Rep. Wiseman
01:56:49 Chairman Lake
01:57:21 Rep. Wiseman
01:57:35 Chairman Lake
01:58:00 Rep. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

01:58:33 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah47aad.pdf](#))